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In re Application of:

Yuan-Di Chang Halvorsen, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 09/585,821

Examiner: Sandra E. Saucier

Filed: June 1, 2000

Attorney Docket No. 59995-5002DI1

Title: Methods and Compositions for the Differentiation of Human Preadipocytes into Adipocytes

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Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) and MPEP §711.03(a), Applicants file this petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment mailed March 4, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. The notice indicates that there was a failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee within three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance mailed on October 25, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that no fee for this petition is due because the abandonment was due to an error at the Patent Office. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, with regard to this Petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

REMARKS

Timeliness of Petition

The filing of this petition meets the timeliness requirement of 37 C.F.R. 181(f), which requires that the petition be filed within two months of the date of mailing of the notice of abandonment.

Evidence of Timely Reply to Outstanding Office Action

The Patent Office mailed a Notice of Allowance on October 25, 2004. A non-extendable statutory period for reply was set at 3 months from the date of mailing of the Notice. On January 13, 2005, Applicants' Paralegal transmitted to the Commissioner of Patents, via facsimile to (703) 746-4000, the PTOL-85 Part B – Fee Transmittal Form, duly executed and authorizing the USPTO to charge the issue fee and publication fee to Applicants' deposit account.

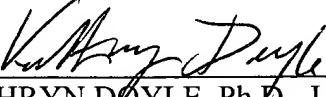
In support of its petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, Applicants submit the following:

- 1) A copy of the executed PTOL-85 part B – Fee Transmittal Form, dated January 13, 2005 and a facsimile cover sheet, both of which contains an executed Certification of Facsimile Transmission, signed by Applicants' Paralegal, Darryl Pratcher, and dated January 13, 2005.
- 2) A copy of the facsimile transmission confirmation document evidencing the receipt by the USPTO of the above-referenced fee transmittal form on January 13, 2005.

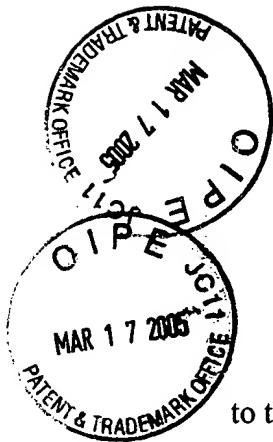
To the best of my knowledge and belief, all copies submitted herewith are true and accurate copies of the originals. Because the response to the Notice of Allowance was timely filed within the time period and all associated fees were previously authorized to be paid, it is respectfully submitted that the notice of abandonment of this application should be withdrawn. Since the Notice of Abandonment indicates that the fees were not received, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the issue fee and publication fee to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-0573. Please notify the undersigned of the effective change of status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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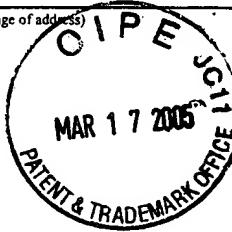
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